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A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A RESERVED CORPS  
FOR EACH COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the*  
2 *State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the*  
3 *authority of the same, That the Governor of the State*  
4 *be, and he is hereby authorized and required to call out a*  
5 *force of fifty mounted men in each county of the State,*  
6 *to be styled a County Reserve, to be raised by volunteer-*  
7 *ing or drafting, at the discretion of the Governor.*

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That the said County Re-*  
2 *serves shall, in each county, elect a Captain and three*  
3 *Lieutenants, to be commissioned by the Governor, and*  
4 *shall be under the same rules and regulations, and receive*  
5 *the same pay, rations and clothing as regular officers and*  
6 *soldiers of the cavalry service. Provided, That nothing*  
7 *herein contained shall require the State to furnish said*  
8 *County Reserves with tents or camp equipage, unless said*  
9 *Reserves, or a portion of them, should be removed to an-*  
10 *other county and placed in actual service, as provided for*  
11 *hereinafter.*

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, That the Colonel of each*  
2 *Regiment of Militia, or where there are two Regiments,*  
3 *the senior Colonel shall act as Paymaster for the Reserves*  
4 *in his county, and shall make monthly requisitions upon*  
5 *the Governor for the necessary sums of money, and he*  
6 *shall be required to give bond, with security, payable to*  
7 *the State of North Carolina, in such sum as the Governor*

8 may judge sufficient, conditioned for the faithful disburse-  
9 ment of all sums of money which may come into his hands.  
10 from said monthly requisitions.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor shall  
2 have power, whenever in his opinion the public safety de-  
3 mands the same, to call together two-thirds of the said  
4 County Reserves to any exposed county or point in the  
5 State, and appoint field and staff officers over them while  
6 so massed together.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty  
2 of these County Reserves to keep good order in their re-  
3 spective counties, by promptly suppressing all unlawful  
4 acts, whether by slaves or free persons, by preventing or  
5 dispersing all unlawful assemblies, by vigilant care that  
6 the laws of the State concerning slaves and free persons  
7 of color are kept, and by arresting all suspicious charac-  
8 ters, and requiring them to give a satisfactory account of  
9 themselves.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That each member of the  
2 County Reserves shall be armed with a good serviceable  
3 rifle, shot-gun, or musket, to be furnished by himself, if  
4 he have one, and in case of a deficiency of guns in any  
5 company, the same shall be furnished by the Governor  
6 upon requisition of the commanding officer of the Regi-  
7 ment, and also suitable ammunition shall be issued by the  
8 Governor to the several companies whenever it may be  
9 deemed necessary.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor may  
2 dismiss or disband the said County Reserves whenever in  
3 his judgment deemed necessary.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That this bill shall be in  
2 force from and after its ratification.

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